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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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*St. Stephen's – Founded 1866*  
*Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary*  
*Founded 1882*

#### **MASSES ON SUNDAYS:**

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12 NOON  
5:30 PM on Saturday

#### **MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Monday 12:00 Noon  
Tues. through Sat. 8:30 AM

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call the Rectory and press extension number 4 for specific details.**

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*Parish Trustees and Advisors*

#### **BAPTISMS:**

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting. Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

#### **SICK CALLS:**

Please call and arrange for the sacrament of anointing whenever anyone is seriously ill.

#### **MARRIAGES:**

Please call the rectory at least 6 months ahead for an appointment with a Priest.

#### **WELCOME:**

Adults who are interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic Faith please call the rectory. Adults who have not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) please call the rectory.

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**ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Office closed Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
**PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

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# MASSSES for the WEEK

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Collection for 5/13	\$ 3,209.00
Annual Weekly Expenses **	\$ 14,325.00
Difference:	-\$11,116.00

\*\* Total annual expenses divided by 52 weeks



We are continuing our class about Technology for Seniors. Meetings are held every Tuesday during the month of May as follows:

\* 5/29 @ 4:30 PM in

Rectory Hall. All are welcome!

Bring your cell phone, tablet and/or computer.

\* The class WILL NOT meet on May 22nd.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10 AM Mass will take a brief hiatus during the month of May, as we celebrate First Communions and Mother's Day. It won't be gone for the summer quite yet, though, as we'll resume on Sunday, June 3rd. In the meantime, we're asking all families whose children participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children to provide contact information so we can offer resources for use at home or at Mass. Please take a minute to stop by the table at the rear of the church and use the sign up sheet you'll find there. Thanks!

## **Annual Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2018 ACA and the parish team who spoke at the Masses and also helped distribute and collect materials last weekend. At our In-Pew drive, we collected \$13,387 in pledges and one-time gifts for the ACA for this year on behalf of our Parish. As long as all pledges are fulfilled by those who made them, \$31,565 will be used to help the ministries of the Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens and \$10,085 will come back directly to SHSS for our needs. If you have not made a contribution and would like to, you may use the envelopes located at the entrance of the Church or donate online at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org).

MON. MAY 21, 2018

Noon Holy Spirit

TUE. MAY 22, 2018

8:30 Angelo Vergona  
BY: Melania Lubrano

WED MAY 23, 2018

8:30 Pasquale Pacelli  
BY: Andy Di Manso

THURS. MAY 24, 2018

8:30 Mariet Varban  
BY: The Gessler Family

FRI. MAY 25, 2018

8:30 Lorraine Jablonski  
BY: Lorraine Zanzonico

SAT. MAY 26, 2018

8:30 Carol Montaperto  
BY: Dora & Lorraine Zanzonico  
5:30 PM Carmine Graziani  
BY: Children & Grandchildren

SUN MAY 27, 2018

8:00 AM Michael Ruggiero  
BY: Family  
10:00 Dominic, Jenny & Michael Scotto  
12:00 Alice Gabriel  
BY The Feliciano Family

# Sick Relatives & Friends

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

Jonelle Bernardo,	Mario Austi
Brad Hatry	Matthew Ruggiero
Michelle Laquercia	Irene Balen
Dolly Vergona,	Gloria Heyer
Judith DeArmen	John N igro
Judith Miller	Alissa Aquino
Palma Caminiti	Addy Wardrope
Carol DeMairo	Anthony Gambardella
Dominick Aiello, Jr.	John Scotto
Roe Gambardella	Elizabeth Foley
Ann Curcuru	Dora Zanzonico
Lamar McNabb	Anna Maria Marino
Carol Montelbano	Rev. Michael A. Carrano
Anthony Manfre	

## UPS AND DOWNS

We have received the final decision from the NYC Building's Department allowing us to install our church elevator, but limiting it to provide accessibility to Cabrini Hall, the street level at Hicks Street and the Main Church. While we had been advocating for the inclusion of the Choir Loft, since our shaft needed to extend to the height anyway, the NYC Building's Department would not allow it. The City would have only permitted a fourth stop had we changed the elevator selected and purchased a more commercial elevator adding an additional \$100,000 to the purchase price. Unfortunately, we do not have an additional \$100,000, and upon review, believe that what we have been granted will allow access to our primary facilities located in the Main Church and Cabrini Hall. Since receiving this decision, our architects have done a final sign off of the elevator drawings and met on-site with Msgr. Massie, John Heyer and Mobility Elevator Company to finalize all necessary options. Mobility has given us a maximum timeline starting from this week until final sign off by the New York City Elevator Inspectors of 13 weeks till completion. This means that we can look forward to riding in our new elevator at the end of the summer. Once again, thank you to all who have made this project possible by your donation to Generations of Faith. Please continue to make your regular payments ensuring our ability to see this project through to completion.



The Sanctuary Lamps  
for the week of

May 20th have been donated

In Loving Memory of  
**CARMINE DIMEGLIO**

BY: John & Phyllis Edwards



Bread & Wine for the week of

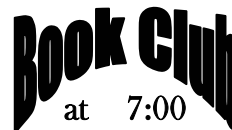
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BY: Diane Valentino

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our Lady of Loretto #595 Knights of Columbus will once again give away three \$500.00 scholarships through *The Kimberly Geritano Scholarship Program* to children attending a Catholic School. Any child in Grade 1 through 12 is eligible. The application fee is \$10.00 which will be applied to the Scholarship Fund. The application forms will be handed out in the back of the church following every mass this weekend by the members of the Knights of Columbus. The winners will be picked following the noon mass on June 24th. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.



Our next book club meeting will be on Monday, June 4th at 7:00 PM in the Parish House. We will be discussing **MANHATTAN BEACH** by Jennifer Egan. All are welcome!

**Come Holy Spirit, Come Holy Spirit stay with us, Come Holy Spirit be part of us.**

**Dear Parish Community,**

**We believe that God is a Trinity of persons. While the father is not the Jesus and Jesus is not the Spirit and the Spirit is not the Father, yet all are Divine, all are One God. Confused? Well the Trinity is more experienced than understood. Think of the Holy Spirit as Divine Energy. Think about this. You have redecorated your home, you have newly painted walls, new drapes, new floors, new windows and even some structural changes. You walk into your newly renovated home, it is enveloped in the shadows of the day. Things are not clear. What do you need to showcase your new home? You need Light to see, light to enjoy the new curtains and structures. The Spirit is similar. We know what we should believe. We know what we must do to be disciples, what we need is the energy and stamina to live as believers in Christ. We may say that the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present in the apparent absence of Jesus. Holy Spirit makes the Father and Jesus present in the sacraments, in our hearts and in the community. The work of Jesus is completed. Jesus redeemed us. Now the work of appropriating the redemption won by Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Pentecost is the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Pentecost means fifty days after Easter. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus to send us the Holy Spirit. The readings for the feast of Pentecost are based on the Jewish Feast of Weeks which is celebrated fifty days after Passover. The Jewish Feast of Weeks celebrates God giving the Torah on Mount Sinai. ( See Exodus 19). The Torah revealed to the Israelites the mind of God and what God required of them. We are celebrating not the giving of the Torah but rather the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and through them to the whole church. The Spirit reveals to us Jesus who is the mind and heart of God among us. For us, it is Jesus who is the illustration of the mind and heart of God. It is Jesus, the WORD of GOD who reveals to us how we are to live. The Spirit appropriates in us the great redemption which Jesus brought about through his passion, death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit leads us to realize in the depths of our hearts the need we have for redemption. The Holy Spirit inspires us to recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is only in the Holy Spirit that we can proclaim Jesus as Lord. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity. We experience God through three distinct yet unified relationships. The Spirit may be seen as the love that exists between the Father and Son. Encountering God as the Holy Spirit awakens us to the Divine Presence of the Trinity dwelling deep within the depths of our being made present through sacraments especially Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.**

**Easter and Pentecost lead us to deeper understanding and realization of the mystery of the Incarnation of God among us who is Jesus. The words from 1Corinthians 12:3-13, “No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.” are true. As mentioned earlier, the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity makes Jesus and the Father present in the Word and Sacrament. The Spirit reminds us and bears witness to Christ. It is the Spirit who leads us to see the connection between Christ and our everyday life. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms God from being an idea or theological concept into a reality in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms the Gospel from being stories about Jesus to making Jesus the dynamic center of our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who transforms lives from searching for truth into lives living the truth. It is the Spirit which enables our faith to come alive. It is the Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire, breathes fire into our spirits, splashes us with baptismal water, moves us and inspires us to be convicted in faith in Christ Jesus.**

**The church is formed from the clay of our humanity and the fire of the Holy Spirit kindled in the waters of baptism, thus creating us into living stones forming us into the body of Christ. It is in the context of Eucharist, the Sacred Text, the Sacraments and the Community that we have a personal and communal relationship with the Lord. It is in the relationship, personal and communal, that we discover the abiding presence of Christ in the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and reverence (fear of the Lord) cf. Gal5. It is through these gifts that we cultivate lives of: Love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, chastity and generosity. It is living in this Holy Spirit that we proclaim in our very beings that “JESUS CHRIST IS LORD to the praise and Glory of God the Father.**

**Come Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire.**

**Msgr. Guy A. Massie**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sunday, May 20th 10:00 AM Mass**

**Raven Casanova Santiago**  
**Catherine Goldschmid**  
**Emma Goldschmid**  
**Clover Graves**  
**Isabella Lubrano**  
**Addison Marshall**  
**Katarina Noye Lozada**  
**Toni Marie Oliveri**  
**Mackenzi Owens**  
**Gemma Smith**  
**Gabriella Tresko**  
**Mia Ledesma**

**William Harrison Cayten**  
**John Chester**  
**Aedan Danetti**  
**Noah Gutierrez**  
**Gregory LaRosa**  
**Mateo Nrecaj**  
**Andrew Oakes**  
**John Oakes**  
**Justin Renta**  
**Mack Roberts**  
**Johnny Rouse**  
**Nicholas Wasserman**

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**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Come, O Holy Spirit, come!**  
**And from your celestial home**  
**Shed a ray of light divine!**  
**Come, O Father of the poor!**  
**Come, source of all our store!**  
**Come, within our bosoms shine.**  
**You, of comforters the best;**  
**You, the soul's most welcome guest;**  
**Sweet refreshment here below;**  
**In our labor, rest most sweet;**  
**Grateful coolness in the heat;**  
**Solace in the midst of woe.**  
**O most blessed Light divine,**  
**Shine within these hearts of yours,**  
**And our inmost being fill!**  
**Nothing good in deed or thought,**  
**Nothing free from taint of ill.**  
**Heal our wounds, our strength renew;**  
**On our dryness pour your dew**  
**Wash the stains of guilt away;**  
**Bend the stubborn heart and will;**  
**Melt the frozen, warm the chill;**  
**Guide the steps that go astray.**  
**On the faithful, who adore and**  
**Confess you, evermore**  
**In your sevenfold gift descent;**  
**Give them virtue's sure reward;**  
**Give them your salvation, Lord;**  
**Give them joys that never ends, Amen, Alleluia!**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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